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## CHRONOLOGY OF THE AMERICAN HIERARCHY

### XII. THE PROVINCE OF CHICAGO (1843-1880<sup>1</sup>)

The Province of Chicago was established, September 10, 1880, by Pope Leo XIII and covers the same territory as the original Diocese, *i. e.*, the whole State of Illinois. The Suffragan Sees are Alton, erected 1853; Peoria, 1877; Belleville, 1887; and Rockford, 1908.

#### 1. CHICAGO (1843)

"Any historical sketch of the Archdiocese of Chicago, no matter how brief, must commence with the name of the intrepid Jesuit missionary, James Marquette, who on the twenty-fifth of October, 1674, set out with two attendants from the station of St. Francis Xavier on Green Bay, to found a mission on the Illinois River. He reached the mouth of the Chicago River on the fourth of December and built a cabin, the first white habitation, it would appear, on the site of the city of Chicago."<sup>2</sup>

He was followed by other French missionaries, and after 1804, when Fort Dearborn was erected and attracted the Catholic pioneers, other priests came from time to time to minister to them. Father Gabriel Richard preached at the fort in 1821 and Father Badin, the proto-priest of the United States, administered baptism there in 1822 to Alexander Beaubien. But it was only in 1833 that Bishop Rosati of St. Louis, acting as Vicar General of Bardstown, sent a resident pastor in the person of the Rev. John Mary Ignatius St. Cyr. Father St. Cyr said the first Mass in Chicago, May 5, 1833, and shortly afterwards erected a small church which was dedicated in October of the same year. A little later when Bishop Brute, the first Bishop of Vincennes, came to Chicago he found a congregation of about four hundred souls. The State of Illinois was a part of the Diocese of Bardstown, although, in fact, it was attended from the more thriving church of Missouri. When the Diocese of Vincennes was established, eastern Illinois was made a part of it. The Diocese of Chicago

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<sup>1</sup> With this issue the series of articles on the *Rise of the Hierarchy in the United States* is concluded.

<sup>2</sup> Article *Chicago* in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*.

was erected by Pope Gregory XVI, November 28, 1843, and comprised the whole State of Illinois. At the present time it includes six counties, with an area of 3,620 square miles, and has 846 priests, 331 churches with resident priests of which 222 are in the city of Chicago, 69 missions and chapels, and a Catholic population of 1,150,000.

1. The first Bishop of Chicago was the Right Rev. **William Quarter**, born at Killurine, King's County, Ireland, January 21, 1806. He came to America in 1822 and was ordained at New York, September 19, 1829. He was consecrated, March 10, 1844, and died, April 10, 1848, aged 42 years.

2. The second Bishop was the Right Rev. **James O. Vandevelde**, born in Belgium, April 3, 1795. He became a Jesuit in 1817 and was ordained at Baltimore, September 25, 1827. He was consecrated, February 11, 1849, was transferred to Natchez, July 29, 1853, and died, November 13, 1855.

3. The Right Rev. **Anthony O'Regan**, born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1809, was ordained at Maynooth and came to St. Louis in 1849. He was consecrated, July 25, 1854. He resigned and was made titular Bishop of Dora, June 25, 1858. He died in London, England, November 13, 1866, at the age of 57 years.

4. The Right Rev. **James Duggan** was born at Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland, May 22, 1825, and was ordained at St. Louis, May 29, 1847. He was twice Administrator of the Diocese of Chicago whilst the See was vacant. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Gabala and Coadjutor of St. Louis, May 3, 1857, and was transferred to Chicago, January 21, 1859. On account of infirm health he was removed in 1870, and did not die until March 27, 1899.

5. The Right Rev. **Thomas Foley**, born at Baltimore, March 6, 1822, and ordained, August 16, 1846, was made titular Bishop of Pergamus and Coadjutor of Chicago, November 19, 1869, and was consecrated, February 27, 1870. He was at the same time appointed Administrator of the Diocese. He did not, however, actually enjoy the title of Bishop of Chicago. He died, February 19, 1879.

6. Pope Leo XIII, September 10, 1880, erected the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Right Rev. **Patrick Augustine Feehan** was translated from Nashville and became the first Archbishop. Archbishop Feehan was born at Spring Hill, County Tipperary, Ireland, August 29 1829, was ordained at St. Louis, November 1, 1852; and was consecrated Bishop of Nashville, November 1, 1865. He died July 12, 1902.

7. The Most Rev. **James Edward Quigley** was born in Canada, October 15, 1855, and was ordained at Rome, April 13, 1879. He was consecrated Bishop of Buffalo, February 24, 1897, and was transferred to Chicago, January 8, 1903. He died, July 10, 1915.

The Right Rev. **Alexander J. McGavick**, titular Bishop of Marcopolis, consecrated May 1, 1899, is Auxiliary of Chicago. The Most Rev. **Joseph Weber**, titular Archbishop of Darna, consecrated December 2, 1895, Provincial of the Resurrectionist Fathers in the United States, also resides in Chicago.

8. The present Archbishop is the Most Rev. **George W. Mundelein**, born, July 2, 1872, and ordained, June 9, 1895. He was appointed titular bishop of Loryma and Auxiliary of Brooklyn, June 30, 1909, and was consecrated, September 21, 1909. He was promoted and translated to Chicago, December 9, 1915.

## 2. ALTON (1853-1857)

The Diocese of Chicago was divided by Pope Pius IX, July 29, 1853, and the southern part of the State of Illinois was erected into a Diocese with its See at Quincy. The Very Rev. **Joseph Melcher**, Vicar General of St. Louis, was chosen as the first bishop, but he declined the appointment and the diocese was never actually organized. It was left under the care and administration of the Bishop of Chicago and finally was removed to Alton, January 9, 1857. Originally, it comprised the whole southern half of Illinois. It comprises 15,139 square miles of territory stretching across the State between Peoria on the north and Belleville on the south, and it has, in 1917, 198 priests, 161 churches, 20 chapels and stations, with a Catholic population of 87,000.

1. The first Bishop of Alton was the Right Rev. **Henry Damian Juncker**, born in Lorraine, August 22, 1809, and ordained at Cincinnati, March 16, 1834. He was consecrated Bishop of Alton, April 26, 1857, and died, October 2, 1868.

2. The second Bishop was the Right Rev. **Peter Joseph Baltes**, born, April 7, 1827, at Ensheim, Bavaria, and ordained at Montreal, May 21, 1853. He was consecrated, January 23, 1870, and died, February 15, 1886.

3. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **James Ryan**, born at Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland, June 17, 1848, and ordained at Louisville, Ky., December 24, 1871. He was appointed, February 28, 1888, and was consecrated, May 1, 1888.

## 3. PEORIA (1877)

The southern portion of the Diocese of Chicago, as it then existed, was erected into the Diocese of Peoria by Pope Pius IX, January 18, 1875. It has an area of 18,554 square miles and has, in 1917, 223 priests, 233 churches, 20 stations, and a Catholic population of 115,550.

1. The first Bishop<sup>3</sup> was the Most Rev. **John Lancaster Spalding**, born in Kentucky, June 2, 1840, and ordained, December 19, 1863. He was appointed, November 27, 1876, and was consecrated, May 1, 1877. He resigned, Septem-

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<sup>3</sup> The Rev. Michael Hurley was at first chosen, but he declined. He died as Vicar General of the Diocese in 1898.

ber 11, 1908, and was made titular Archbishop of Scitopolis, October 14, 1908. He died, August 25, 1916.

2. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Edmund Michael Dunne**, born at Chicago, February 2, 1864, and ordained at Louvain, June 24, 1887. He was appointed, June 30, 1909, and was consecrated, September 1, 1909.

The Right Rev. **Peter J. O'Reilly**, consecrated titular Bishop of Lebedos, September 21, 1900, is Auxiliary Bishop of Peoria.

#### 4. BELLEVILLE (1887)

The extreme southern part of Illinois was cut off from the Diocese of Alton and erected into the Diocese of Belleville, January 7, 1887, by Pope Leo XIII. It has an area of 11,678 square miles and has, in 1917, 133 priests, 130 churches, and 17 chapels, with a Catholic population of 71,838.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **John Janssen**, born in Germany, March 3, 1835, and ordained at Alton, November 19, 1858. He was appointed, February 28, 1888, and consecrated, April 25, 1888. He died, July 2, 1913.

2. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Henry Althoff**, born in Illinois, August 28, 1873, and ordained, July 26, 1902. He was appointed, December 4, 1913, and was consecrated, February 24, 1914.

#### 5. ROCKFORD (1908)

Pope Pius X erected the Diocese of Rockford, September 23, 1908. It comprises twelve counties in the northwestern part of Illinois, with an area of 6,867 square miles and was cut off from the Diocese of Chicago. It has, in 1917, 110 priests, 94 churches, 28 chapels and stations, with a Catholic population of 58,199.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **Peter James Muldoon**, born in California, October 10, 1863, and ordained, December 18, 1886. He was appointed titular Bishop of Tamassus and Auxiliary of Chicago, June 10, 1901, was consecrated, July 25, 1901, and was translated to Rockford, September 22, 1908. His appointment to Monterey and Los Angeles, March 22, 1917, was later rescinded by the Holy See.

### XIII. THE PROVINCE OF ST. PAUL (1850-1888)

The real history, civil as well as ecclesiastical, of Minnesota, may be said to begin in 1680, with the visit made to the Falls of St. Anthony and adjacent regions, by the Rev. Louis Hennepin and his companions. During the same year Du Luht explored the northern part of the State, and in July joined Father Hennepin at or near the lake now known as Mille Lacs. Not until 1727, however, were systematic efforts made to establish perma-

nent garrisons north of the mouth of the Wisconsin River. In this year a chapel, the first Christian temple established on the soil of Minnesota, was dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel within the enclosure of Fort Beauharnois. This fort was afterwards in 1730 removed to a higher and more beautiful site where now stands the Ursuline Convent of Villa Maria, and the Convent chapel very properly bears the same name as its historic predecessor, St. Michael the Archangel.<sup>4</sup>

The Diocese of St. Paul was erected by Pope Pius IX, July 19, 1850, as a Suffragan of St. Louis. It was afterward a Suffragan of Milwaukee until May 4, 1888, when Pope Leo XIII erected the Archdiocese of St. Paul. The Diocese originally extended over what was then the territory of Minnesota, an area of about 166,000 square miles, covering practically the same ground as now comprises the Province: namely, the States of Minnesota and North and South Dakota. The part of the Diocese east of the Mississippi River was taken from the Diocese of Milwaukee, the part west of that river from the Diocese of Dubuque. The first reduction of its limits was made in 1875 when Pope Pius IX erected the Vicariate Apostolic of Northern Minnesota. In 1879 Pope Leo XIII erected the Vicariate Apostolic of Dakota, covering what was then the territory of the same name. In 1889 there was a grand division of the Diocese of St. Paul and these two Vicariates, resulting in the erection in Minnesota, of the Dioceses of St. Cloud, Duluth and Winona; in North Dakota, of the Diocese of Jamestown, now Fargo; and in South Dakota, of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. These, with the Dioceses of Lead, S. D., erected in 1902; Crookston, Minn., and Bismarck, N. D., erected in 1909, comprise the Province of St. Paul.

#### 1. ST. PAUL (1850)

The Diocese of St. Paul at present comprises twenty-seven counties of Minnesota with an area of 15,233 square miles. It has, in 1917, 346 priests, 271 churches, and a Catholic population of 265,000.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. Joseph Cretin, born at Montluel, Department of Aix, France, December 10, 1799, and ordained, December 20,

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<sup>4</sup> Cf. Article *Minnesota* in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*.

1823. He came to America in 1838 and was Vicar General of the Diocese of Dubuque, when he was chosen Bishop of St. Paul, July 23, 1850. He was consecrated, January 26, 1851, and died, February 22, 1857.<sup>5</sup>

2. The second Bishop was the Most Rev. **Thomas L. Grace, O.P.**, born in South Carolina, November 16, 1814, and ordained, at Rome, December 21, 1839. He was consecrated, July 24, 1859, and resigned, July 31, 1884, being named titular Bishop of Menith and later titular Archbishop of Siunia. He died, February 22, 1897, aged 83 years.

3. The present and first Archbishop, the Most Rev. **John Ireland**, was born, September 11, 1838, at Burnchurch, County Kilkenny, Ireland, came to St. Paul with his parents in 1852, and was ordained, December 21, 1861. He was appointed titular Bishop of Maronea and Coadjutor, February 12, 1875, was consecrated, December 21, 1875, and became Bishop of St. Paul, July 31, 1884. He was named Archbishop, May 15, 1888.

## 2. ST. CLOUD (1875-1889)

Mille Lacs, where the Franciscan missionary, Father Hennepin, visited the Indians in 1680, is in the present Diocese of St. Cloud. After that, no other priest came to those regions for 170 years. Church history begins really in 1850, with the establishment of the Diocese of St. Paul. In 1856 the Benedictines established themselves near the present city of St. Cloud, and the first Abbot of St. John's Abbey was made the Vicar Apostolic of Northern Minnesota in 1875. The Diocese of St. Cloud was erected, September 22, 1889. In 1917 there are in this Diocese 152 priests, 129 churches, 18 stations and chapels, and a Catholic population of 62,694. The area of the Diocese is 12,251 square miles.

1. The first Vicar Apostolic of Northern Minnesota was the Right Rev. **Rupert Seidenbusch**. He was born, October 13, 1830, at Munich, Bavaria, and was ordained at St. Vincent's Abbey in Pennsylvania, June 22, 1853. He was blessed as Abbot of St. Louis Abbey (now St. John's), May 30, 1867. Appointed Vicar Apostolic, he was consecrated titular Bishop of Halia, May 30, 1875. He resigned, October 19, 1888, and died at Richmond, Va., June 3, 1895.

2. The Right Rev. **Otto Zardetti**, the first Bishop of St. Cloud, was born at Rorsbach, St. Gall, Switzerland, January 24, 1847, and was ordained at Trent, August 21, 1870. He was appointed September 22, 1889, and was consecrated at Einsiedeln by Archbishop Heiss of Milwaukee, October 20, 1889. He was

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<sup>5</sup> The Rev. Anthony Pelamorgues, pastor at Davenport, Iowa, was chosen as the successor of Bishop Cretin. He made a special visit to Rome, to be relieved of such a burden and returned to his people at Davenport. Cf. Rev. Dr. Schaefer, in the *Acta et Dicta*, Vol. 4, July, 1915. Hence the long vacancy of two years.

made Archbishop of Bucharest, Roumania, in 1894, which See he also resigned, several years before his death, which took place May 9, 1902.

3. The second Bishop of St. Cloud, the Right Rev. **Martin Marty, O.S.B.**, also a native of Switzerland, was born at Schwytz, January 11, 1834, and was ordained at Einsiedeln, September 14, 1856. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Tiberias, February 1, 1880, and was made Vicar Apostolic of Dakota. He became first Bishop of Sioux Falls, September 22, 1889, and was transferred to St. Cloud, December 16, 1894. He died, September 19, 1896.

4. The Right Rev. **James Trobec** was born in Austria, July 10, 1838, and was ordained at St. Paul, September 18, 1865. He was consecrated Bishop of St. Cloud, September 21, 1897, resigned, April 15, 1914, and was named titular Bishop of Licopolis, May 28, 1914.

5. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Joseph F. Busch**, born, April 16, 1866, and ordained, July 28, 1889. He was consecrated Bishop of Lead, May 19, 1910, and was translated to St. Cloud, January 19, 1915.

### 3. SIOUX FALLS (1879-1889)

Pope Leo XIII, in August, 1879, erected the Vicariate Apostolic of Dakota, with boundaries corresponding to what was then the Territory of Dakota, now the States of North and South Dakota. The same Pope, September 22, 1889, erected the Diocese of Sioux Falls, covering the whole State of South Dakota. It now comprises that portion of the State which is east of the Missouri River, an area of 35,091 square miles. It has, in 1917, 126 priests, 187 churches, 46 chapels and stations, and a Catholic population of 60,000 whites and 947 Indians.

1. The Right Rev. **Martin Marty**, Abbot of St. Meinrad's Abbey, Indiana, was made the Vicar Apostolic. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Tiberias, February 1, 1880, became first Bishop of Sioux Falls, September 22, 1889, and was transferred to St. Cloud, December 31, 1894. He died, September 19, 1896.

2. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Thomas O'Gorman**, born at Boston, May 1, 1843, and ordained, November 5, 1865. He was appointed, January 24, 1896, and was consecrated, April 19, 1896.

### 4. JAMESTOWN-FARGO (1889)

The first Mass, in the territory now comprised in the Diocese of Fargo, was celebrated at Pembina in September, 1818, by the Rev. Sévère Joseph Norbert Dumoulin, one of two missionaries sent to the Selkirk Colony by Bishop Plessis of Quebec.\* The Diocese of Jamestown was erected, October 3, 1889, and comprised, originally, the whole State of North Dakota. The

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\* Article *Fargo* in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*.



See was changed to Fargo, April 6, 1897, at the request of Bishop Shanley and since 1910 covers the eastern half of the State, an area of 34,899 square miles. It has 102 priests, 178 churches, 60 stations, and a Catholic population of 69,871.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **John Shanley**, born at Albion, N. Y., January 4, 1852, and ordained at Rome, May 30, 1874. He was consecrated, December 27, 1889, and died, July 16, 1909.

2. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **James O'Reilly**, appointed, December 18, 1909, and consecrated, May 19, 1910.

#### 5. WINONA (1889)

Southern Minnesota was cut off from the Diocese of St. Paul and the Diocese of Winona was erected by Pope Leo XIII, October 3, 1889. It comprises twenty counties with an area of 12,282 and has 117 priests, 122 churches, with a Catholic population of 68,500.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **Joseph B. Cotter**, born November 19, 1844, and ordained, May 23, 1871. He was consecrated, December 27, 1889, and died, June 28, 1909.

2. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Patrick Richard Heffron**, born in New York City, June 1, 1860, and ordained, December 22, 1884. He was appointed, March 10, 1910, and was consecrated, May 19, 1910.

#### 6. DULUTH (1889)

The Diocese of Duluth was a part of the Vicariate Apostolic of Northern Minnesota when erected into a Diocese, October 3, 1889, and covered the whole of the northern part of the State, until 1910, when the Diocese of Crookston was erected. It now comprises ten counties with an area of 22,354 square miles, and has 61 priests, 84 churches, 35 stations and a Catholic population of 56,041 whites and about 1,500 Indians, a total of 57,541.

1. The first and present Bishop is the Right Rev. **James McGolrick**, born in Ireland, May 1, 1841, and ordained at All Hallows, June 11, 1867. He was appointed, November 15, 1889, and was consecrated, December 27, 1889.

#### 7. LEAD (1902)

The Diocese of Lead comprises that part of South Dakota which lies west of the Missouri River. It was part of the Vicariate of Nebraska, until the erection of the Vicariate of Dakota and, later, of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. It was erected by Pope Leo XIII, August 6, 1902. It has an area of 41,759 square miles,

with 47 priests, 123 churches, 40 Indian chapels, 50 stations, and a Catholic population of 25,000.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **John Stariha**, born in Austria, May 12, 1845. He was consecrated, October 28, 1902, and was transferred to the titular See of Antipatris, November 9, 1909. He died at Laibach, Austria, November 28, 1915.

2. The Right Rev. **Joseph F. Busch**, born in Minnesota, April 16, 1866, and ordained, July 28, 1889, was appointed, April 9, 1910, and was consecrated, May 9, 1910. He was translated to St. Cloud, January 19, 1915.

3. The present Bishop of Lead is the Right Rev. **John J. Lawler**, born at Rochester, Minn., August 4, 1862, and ordained December 19, 1885. He was appointed titular Bishop of Greater Hermopolis and Auxiliary of St. Paul, February 8, 1910, and was consecrated, May 19, 1910. He was translated to Lead, January 29, 1916.

#### 8. BISMARCK (1909)

Pope Pius X divided the Diocese of Fargo and erected the Diocese of Bismarck, December 31, 1909.<sup>7</sup> It comprises the western part of North Dakota with an area of 35,998 square miles, and has 75 priests, 134 churches, and 19 stations, and a Catholic population of 34,500.

1. The first and present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Vincent Wehrle, O.S.B.**, born in Switzerland, December 19, 1855, and ordained, April 23, 1882. He was elected Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Richardton, in 1903, was appointed Bishop, April 9, 1910, and was consecrated, May 19, 1910.

#### 9. CROOKSTON (1909)

Pope Pius X divided the Diocese of Duluth and erected the Diocese of Crookston, December 31, 1909.<sup>7</sup> It comprises thirteen counties in the northwestern part of Minnesota with an area of 16,598 square miles. It has 42 priests, 73 churches, 12 stations and chapels, and a Catholic population of 24,600.

1. The first and present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Timothy Corbett**, born at Mendota, Minn., July 18, 1858, and ordained, June 12, 1886. He was appointed, April 9, 1910, and was consecrated, May 19, 1910.

### XIV. THE PROVINCE OF DUBUQUE (1837-1893)

The Province of Dubuque was established by Pope Leo XIII, September 17, 1893. It includes the States of Iowa, Nebraska

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<sup>7</sup> *Acta Apost. Sedis*, 1909, p. 290. The *Catholic Dictionary* has the date, March 21, 1910.

and Wyoming. The Suffragan Sees are Omaha, erected 1885; Davenport, 1881; Lincoln and Cheyenne, 1887, and Des Moines, 1911.

### 1. DUBUQUE (1837)

"On the twenty-eighth of July, 1837, Pope Gregory XVI erected the See of Dubuque, a city but four years old, assigning as the Diocese that part of Wisconsin territory lying between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers."<sup>8</sup>

All this large territory formed a part of the Louisiana Purchase, was included in the Diocese of St. Louis, and covered what are now the State of Iowa and the greater part of Minnesota and North and South Dakota. The Diocese covers at present the northeastern part of Iowa, an area of 17,404 square miles, and has 246 priests, 229 churches, 67 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 132,650.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **Mathias Loras**, born at Lyons, France, August 30, 1792, and ordained, November 12, 1815. He came to America in 1830, was consecrated, December 10, 1837, and died, February 20, 1858.

2. The Right Rev. **Clement Smyth** was born in County Clare, Ireland, February 24, 1810. He became a Trappist, was ordained at Waterford, May 29, 1841, and coming to America founded the Monastery of New Melleray near Dubuque. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Thanasis and Coadjutor to Bishop Loras, May 3, 1857, became Bishop of Dubuque, February 20, 1858, and died, September 22, 1865.

3. The Most Rev. **John Hennessy** born in County Limerick, Ireland, August 20, 1825, and ordained in 1850, was consecrated, September 30, 1866. He became the first Archbishop of Dubuque, September 17, 1893, and died, March 4, 1900.

4. The Most Rev. **John Joseph Keane** was born at Ballyshannon, County Donegal, Ireland, September 12, 1839, was ordained at Baltimore, July 2, 1866, and was consecrated Bishop of Richmond, August 25, 1878. He was made titular Bishop of Jasso and first Rector of the Catholic University, August 12, 1888. After his retirement from the University he spent several years in Rome and was made titular Archbishop of Damascus, January 9, 1897. He became Archbishop of Dubuque, September 24, 1900, and is now titular Archbishop of Cio, to which he was translated, April 28, 1911.

5. The present Bishop is the Most Rev. **James John Keane**, born in Minnesota, August 2, 1857, and ordained, December 23, 1882. He was consecrated Bishop of Cheyenne, October 28, 1902, and became Archbishop of Dubuque, August 11, 1911.

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<sup>8</sup> SHEA, *op. cit.*, Vol. iii, p. 702.

## 2. OMAHA (1857-1885)

"When the Vicariate Apostolic east of the Rocky Mountains was established, it was supposed that the territory embraced in it would long be left in the possession of the Indian tribes. The reverse proved to be the fact, and in 1859 the Holy See divided it, erecting the Vicariate Apostolic of Nebraska which embraced not only that territory but Dakota and Idaho."<sup>9</sup>

The division above referred to by Shea was in fact made by Pope Pius IX, January 6, 1857, but the new Vicariate was left under the administration of Bishop Miege until 1859 when

1. The Right Rev. **James Miles O'Gorman** was appointed Vicar Apostolic. He was born in Ireland in 1804, became a Trappist and was ordained in 1843. He came to Iowa in 1849 to establish the Monastery of New Melleray, of which he was Prior, when appointed Vicar Apostolic of Nebraska. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Raphanea, May 8, 1859. He died, July 4, 1874.

2. The second Vicar Apostolic was the Right Rev. **James O'Connor**, born in Ireland, September 10, 1828. He was ordained at Rome, March 25, 1848 and was consecrated titular Bishop of Dibona, August 20, 1876. Pope Leo, XIII, October 2, 1885, erected the Vicariate into the Diocese of Omaha with Bishop O'Connor as the first Bishop. It originally included the States of Nebraska and Wyoming. It comprises at present the northeastern part of the State with an area of 14,998 square miles. Bishop O'Connor died, May 27, 1890.

3. The Right Rev. **Richard Scannell**, born at Cloyne, County Cork, Ireland, May 12, 1845, and ordained at Dublin, February 26, 1871, was consecrated Bishop of Concordia, November 30, 1887, and was transferred to Omaha, January 30, 1891. He died January 8, 1916.

4. The present Bishop is the Most Rev. **Jeremiah J. Harty**, born at St. Louis, November 5, 1853, and ordained April 28, 1878. He was appointed Archbishop of Manila, Philippine Islands, June 6, 1903, and was consecrated August 15, 1903. He was translated to Omaha, May 16, 1916.

The Diocese has in 1917, 161 priests, 152 churches, 33 stations, and chapels and a Catholic population of 65,650.

## 3. DAVENPORT (1881)

The Diocese of Davenport erected, May 8, 1881, by Pope Leo XIII, comprises the southeastern portion of the State of Iowa with an area of 12,000 square miles. This territory was successively a part of the Dioceses of New Orleans, St. Louis and Dubuque and when first erected included the whole southern part of Iowa. It was reduced to its present area by the erection

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<sup>9</sup> SHEA, *op. cit.*, Vol. iv, p. 654.

of the Diocese of Des Moines in 1911. It has 135 priests, 121 churches, 13 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 55,675.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **John McMullen**, born in Ireland, January 8, 1832, and ordained at Rome, June 20, 1858. He was consecrated, July 25, 1881, and died, July 4, 1883.

2. The Right Rev. **John Henry Cosgrove** was born at Williamsport, Pa., December 19, 1834, and was ordained, August 7, 1857. He was consecrated, September 14, 1884, and died, December 22, 1906.

3. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **James Davis**, born in Ireland, November 7, 1852, and ordained, June 17, 1878. He was appointed titular Bishop of Milopotamus and Coadjutor, October 7, 1904, and was consecrated, November 30, 1904. He became Bishop of Davenport, December 22, 1906.

#### 4. LINCOLN (1887)

The Diocese of Omaha was divided by Pope Leo XIII, who erected the Diocese of Lincoln, August 2, 1887, to include the State of Nebraska south of the Platte River. It has an area of 23,844 square miles, 88 priests, 135 churches, and a Catholic population of 31,138.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **Thomas Bonacum**, born near Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland, January 29, 1847, and ordained, at St. Louis, June 18, 1870. He was consecrated, November 30, 1887, and died, February 4, 1911.

2. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **J. Henry Tihen**, born in Indiana, July 14, 1861, and ordained, April 26, 1886. He was appointed, May 19, 1911, and was consecrated, July 6, 1911.

#### 5. CHEYENNE (1887)

The State of Wyoming was a part of the Vicariate of Nebraska and afterward of the Diocese of Omaha, from which it was separated by the erection of the Diocese of Cheyenne, August 9, 1887, by Pope Leo XIII. The Diocese includes the whole State, an area of 97,575 square miles, and has 22 priests, 41 churches, 23 chapels and stations, with a Catholic population of 15,000.

1. The first Bishop was the Right Rev. **Maurice F. Burke**, consecrated October 28, 1887, who was transferred to St. Joseph, Mo., June 19, 1893.

2. The Right Rev. **Thomas M. Lenihan**, the second Bishop, born in Ireland, August 12, 1845, was consecrated, February 24, 1897, after an interval of nearly four years. He died, December 15, 1901, and was succeeded by

3. The Most Rev. **James John Keane**, consecrated October 28, 1902, the present Archbishop of Dubuque, to which See he was translated, August 11, 1911.

4. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Patrick A. McGovern**, born at Omaha, October 14, 1872, and ordained, August 18, 1895. He was appointed, January 19, 1912, and was consecrated, April 11, 1912.

#### 6. DES MOINES (1911)

Pope Pius X divided the Diocese of Davenport and erected the Diocese of Des Moines, August 12, 1911. It covers the southwestern part of the State of Iowa with an area of 12,000 square miles. It has 80 priests, 88 churches, 12 stations and chapels, and a Catholic population of about 34,256.

1. The first and present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Austin Dowling**, born in New York, April 6, 1868, and ordained, June 24, 1891. He was appointed, January 31, 1912, and was consecrated, April 25, 1912.

#### 7. KEARNEY—GRAND ISLAND (1912-1917)

Pope Pius X divided the Diocese of Omaha and erected the Diocese of Kearney, March 8, 1912, which covers the northwestern part of the State of Nebraska with an area of 40,000 square miles.<sup>10</sup> By a decree of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, dated, April 11, 1917, His Holiness Pope Benedict XV has, at the request of Bishop Duffy, transferred the See to Grand Island. (*Insulam Grandem.*) It has 51 priests, 85 churches, 16 stations and chapels, and a Catholic population of 18,645.

1. The first and present Bishop is the Right Rev. **James Albert Duffy**, born at St. Paul, Minn., April 13, 1873, and ordained, May 27, 1899. He was appointed, January 25, 1913.

### XV. THE RUTHENIAN-GREEK CATHOLIC DIOCESE (1907-1913)

Pope Pius X, by a Constitution dated June 14, 1907, appointed a Bishop for the Ruthenian Catholics in the United States. According to the terms of this Constitution, the Bishop is subject immediately to the Holy See and is under the supervision of the Apostolic Delegate at Washington. He did not have, however, jurisdiction as an ordinary, but was to be delegated by the Bishops of the Dioceses in which the Ruthenian Catholics lived. By a letter of May 28, 1913, the Sacred Congregation of

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<sup>10</sup> The limits of this Diocese were enlarged, May 13, 1916, by the addition of Wheeler, Greeley and Howard and part of Hall, Counties, taken from the Diocese of Omaha.

the Propaganda conferred upon him full and ordinary jurisdiction over all the faithful and clergy of the Ruthenian Rite living in the United States, so that now he is the only true Bishop of the Ruthenians in this country.

1. The first Ruthenian Bishop appointed was the Right Rev. **Stephen Soter Ortynsky**, a monk of the Order of St. Basil. He was born January 29, 1866, was ordained, July 18, 1891, was appointed titular Bishop of Daulia, February 28, 1907, and was consecrated, May 12, 1907. There are in the United States about 500,000 Catholics of the Ruthenian-Greek Rite, and they are served by 147 priests. They have 147 churches with resident priests and 150 parochial schools.

Bishop Ortynsky died, March 24, 1916, and the Diocese is administered by the V. Rev. Peter Poniatishin, who resides at Newark, N. J., and the V. Rev. Gabriel Martyak, who resides at Lansford, Pa.

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